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Gila River Drug Dealer Sentenced To 63 Months In Prison For Selling Meth

PHOENIX – Renee Johanna Cannon, 32, of Bapchule, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by the Honorable David G. Campbell to 63 months in federal prison for possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute it in March 2009.

Cannon was arrested following an undercover operation that targeted persons with a history of selling methamphetamine and crack out of their homes on the Gila River Indian Community. During the two-year operation, led by the Gila River Police Special Enforcement Unit and supported by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs drug unit, detectives observed Cannon working with a co-defendant to sell 18.5 grams of methamphetamine for \$1,200 at a local laundromat.

“We join together with our tribal law enforcement partners, the Gila River Police Department and U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and reinforce our message -- ‘Indian Country will not be a safe haven for drug dealers’,” said U.S. Attorney Dennis K. Burke.

Officers discovered that Cannon sold methamphetamine from approximately February 2009 - October 2009 on the Gila River Indian reservation. She was held at a halfway house pending the resolution of the case, but fled in June 2010. She was found and re-arrested in November 2010.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer E. Green, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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